

UN says Rwandan government lacks means and money

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KIGALI, Dec 8 (AFP) - UN Special Representative to Rwanda Shahyar Khan has said he believes the Rwandan government lacks both the means and the money to be able to govern properly.

Khan told local journalists "Rwanda has no financial or logistical resources to deliver its promises," made in the aftermath of the massacre of up to a million mainly Tutsi people in Rwanda from April to July this year.

"In order for the government to translate its words into actions by giving for instance houses back to the rightful owner and settling other irregularities, Rwanda needs magistrates and trained police to have justice done," he said, according to a UN statement released Thursday.

"To reach this goal, Rwanda is in great need of foreign assistance," he said, adding that "some European countries and the World Bank have

promised to help."

In the European Parliament last month, former French humanitarian missions minister Bernard Kouchner accused the current French government of seeking to block European Union efforts to aid the new government in Rwanda because of its opposition to the new regime.

Khan said meanwhile that he hoped that all the 147 human rights monitors promised by the United Nations would be sent soon in order to monitor the application of human rights across the country.

At present there are only 60 such monitors in Rwanda, though Khan said he expected another 40 to arrive by the end of the year.

Khan said that the UN Assistance Mission in Rwanda had already trained 100 Rwandan police and that another 340 were undergoing training at Ruhengeri, northern Rwanda.

He said the UN was to set up

teams in the military camp at Gako in the south east to help retrain some 2,000 soldiers of the former government army so that they can be integrated into the new Rwandan Patriotic Army.

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